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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *May* 20, 1756.

HIS Excellency the Governor of this Province, in Council, having iſſued a Proclamation for a Public Faſt, to be obſerved throughout this Province on the 16th *Day of* June *next, it may be thought not improper to publiſh the Form of Morning* PRAYER, *uſed in the Churches and Chapels throughout that Part of* Great-Britain *called* England, *the Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *upon Friday the* 6th *Day of* February *laſt, being the Day appointed by his Majeſty's Proclamation, for a General Faſt and Humiliation: For imploring a Bleſſing from Almighty* GOD *upon his Majeſty's Fleets and Armies in the preſent important Situation of public Affairs; as alſo for humbling ourſelves before Him in a deep Senſe of His late Viſitation, by a moſt dreadful and extenſive* EARTHQUAKE, *more particularly felt in ſome neighbouring Countries, in Alliance and Friendſhip with us, and in ſome Degree by ourſelves; and in order to the obtaining the Pardon of our crying Sins, to the averting of His Judgments, and for the Continuance of His Mercy, in the Support of the Proteſtant Religion and our Liberties, in the Proſperity of our Country and in the Welfare of the King and the Royal Family.*

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days in all Things, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.

Morning PRAYER *ſhall begin with theſe Sentences.*

TO the Lord our God belong Mercies and Forgiveneſſes, though we rebelled againſt him; neither have we obeyed the Voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his Laws which he ſet before us.

Correct us, O Lord, but with Judgment, not in thine Anger, leſt thou bring us to nothing.

Inſtead of Venite, exultemus, *this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

O COME, let us worſhip and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Let us ſerve the Lord in Fear, and rejoice unto him with Reverence.

Let us ſearch and try our Ways and turn again to the Lord, let us lift up our Heart with our Hands unto God in the Heavens.

Let us repent and be converted, that our Sins may be blotted out, when the Times of refreſhing ſhall come from the Preſence of the Lord.

Our Fathers hoped in thee, O Lord, they truſted in thee, and thou didſt deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen, they put their truſt in thee, and were not confounded.

Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the Glory of thy Name, O deliver us and be merciful to our Sins for thy Name's Sake.

Shew ſome Token upon us for good, that they who hate us may ſee it and be aſhamed; becauſe thou, Lord, haſt holpen us and comforted us.

Thou ſhalt grant the King a long Life, he ſhall dwell before God for ever.

O prepare thy loving Mercy and Faithfulneſs, that they may preſerve him.

Help us now, O Lord, O Lord, ſend us now Proſperity.

The Lord ſhall give Strength unto his People, the Lord ſhall give his People the Bleſſing of Peace.

And all Men that ſee it, ſhall ſay, This hath God done, for they ſhall perceive that it is his Work.

The Righteous ſhall rejoice in the Lord, and put his truſt in him, and all they that are true of Heart ſhall be glad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without End. Amen.

Proper Pſalms, XLVI, XVIII.
Proper Leſſons,
The Firſt, *Iſaiah*, XXIV.
The Second, *Luke* XXI. Verſe 5.

Inſtead of the firſt Collect at Morning Prayer, ſhall theſe two be uſed.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, juſt and terrible in thy Judgments, and unſearchable in all thy Ways; at whoſe Rebuke the Earth trembleth, the very Foundations of the Hills ſhake, and the Sea is removed from its Place; we, vile Duſt and miſerable Sinners, in a moſt awful Senſe of thy amazing Power, our own great and manifold Provocations, and thy tender Mercy to the Penitent, do, with all Humility of Soul, caſt ourſelves down before thy Footſtool, bewailing our Unworthineſs, and imploring thy Pity, and the Bowels of thy Compaſſion. We beſeech thee, O Lord, to awaken our Conſciences yet farther, that we may ſee and duly conſider thy Hand, which, in the moſt aſtoniſhing Manner, hath been lifted up ſo near us. Pardon thoſe crying Sins, which have produced theſe Tokens of thy heavy Diſpleaſure, and grant us all ſuch a Meaſure of thy Grace, that we may no more diſobey thy Laws, abuſe thy Forbearance, or deſpiſe thy Chaſtiſements, leſt a worſe Thing come upon us. It is of thy Goodneſs, O Lord, that we were not all conſumed, when thou didſt ariſe to ſhake terribly the Earth, and that in the Midſt of Judgment thou didſt remember Mercy. Let the deep Senſe of this work in us ſuch a Thankfulneſs of Heart, and ſuch a Seriouſneſs and Watchfulneſs of Spirit, that no Calamity may ſurprize us, nor Death itſelf come upon us unawares, and that we may at length arrive at that bleſſed Kingdom which cannot be ſhaken, for the Sake of JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

OMOST merciful God, the ſupreme Diſpoſer of all Events, and the Refuge of all thoſe who truſt in thee, we, thy unworthy Servants, do moſt humbly implore thy gracious Aid and Protection. Be thou to us, O Lord, in all Times of Danger and Trouble, a ſure Guardian and never-failing Deliverer. Go forth, we beſeech thee, with our Fleets and Armies; let thy Almighty Hand ever be over them, and the Light of thy Countenance ſhine upon them. Vouchſafe alſo thy eſpecial Bleſſing to our moſt gracious Sovereign King *GEORGE*; defend him from all ſecret Conſpiracies, and open Violence; direct his Counſels, and proſper all his Endeavours for the Welfare of theſe Nations. And, O Lord, let neither our unhappy Diviſions, nor our other manifold Sins and Provocations, obſtruct his Deſigns for the public Good, nor bring down thy Judgments upon us, but ſpare thy People, O Lord, ſpare us, and by the Grace of thy holy Spirit, ſo unite us, in a firm and uniform Courſe of Obedience to thy Will, and an hearty Zeal for thy Honour and Service, that we may ever rejoice in thy Salvation, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

In the End of the LITANY, *immediately after the* COLLECT, [We humbly beſeech thee, O Father, *&c.*] *theſe two are to be read.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy People, who turn to thee in weeping, faſting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of Compaſſion, long Suffering, and of great Pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve Puniſhment, and in thy Wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy. Spare thy People, good Lord, ſpare them, and let not thine Heritage be brought to Confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great; and after the Multitude of thy Mercies, look upon us, through the Merits and Mediation of thy bleſſed Son JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

OALMIGHTY GOD, who delighteſt not to grieve the Children of Men, yet, as a wiſe and gracious Father, doſt chaſten every Son whom thou receiveſt: Behold with tender Pity all thoſe who have ſuffered by the late public Calamity, in Body, Eſtate, Friends, or Relations: Give them Patience and Submiſſion to thy holy Will, let them not murmur or repine, ſeeing it was thy doing, whoſe Judgments are always righteous, though they are a great deep. Be thou the Comforter of thoſe who are caſt down, O thou God of Conſolation, and make up their temporal Loſſes by ſpiritual Advantages, and by future Bleſſings of this World, ſo far as thou ſeeſt neceſſary and convenient for them, and ſo ſanctify to all of us, both the Mercies and Judgments which thou ſendeſt, that at length we may be made happy in that perfect State, which is not ſubject to Time or Chance; where we ſhall ſin no more, be no more diſquieted, and die no more, but enjoy that everlaſting Reſt which thou haſt promiſed thro' JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Prayer for the Parliament, which Ends the Order of Morning Prayer.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

After the Prayer for the King, (Almighty God whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting), *inſtead of the Collect for the Day, ſhall the two firſt Prayers in the Morning Service be uſed,* (Great and glorious Lord God), *then the Epiſtle ſhall follow.*

The Epiſtle. *2 Corinthians*, VIII. to Verſe 16.

MOREOVER, Brethren, we do you to wit of the Grace of GOD beſtowed on the Churches of *Macedonia*; how that in a great Trial of Affliction, the Abundance of their Joy, and their deep Poverty, abounded unto the Riches of their Liberality. For to their Power, I bear Record, yea and beyond their Power they were willing of themſelves; praying us with much Intreaty, that we would receive the Gift, and take upon us the Fellowſhip of the Miniſtering to the Saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but firſt gave their ownſelves to the Lord, and unto us by the Will of GOD, inſomuch that we deſired *Titus*, that as he had begun, ſo he would alſo finiſh in you the ſame Grace alſo. Therefore, as ye abound in every Thing, in Faith, in Utterance, and Knowledge, and in all Diligence, and in your Love to us; ſee that ye abound in this Grace alſo. I ſpeak not by Commandment, but by Occaſion of the Forwardneſs of others, and to prove the Sincerity of your Love. For ye know the Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, that though he was Rich, yet for your Sakes he became Poor, that ye through his Poverty might be Rich. And herein I give my Advice; for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but alſo to be forward a Year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a Readineſs to Will, ſo there may be a Performance alſo out of that which ye have. For if there be firſt a willing Mind, it is accepted according to that a Man hath, and according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other Men be eaſed, and you burdened; but by an Equality, that now at this Time your Abundance may be a Supply for their Want, and their Abundance alſo may be a Supply for your Want, that there may be Equality; as it is written, he that had gathered much, had nothing over, and he that had gathered little, had no lack.

The Goſpel. *Luke* XIII. to Verſe 6.

THERE were preſent at that Seaſon ſome that told him of the *Galileans*, whoſe Blood *Pilate* had mingled with their Sacrifices. And JESUS anſwering, ſaid unto them, Suppoſe ye that theſe *Galileans* were Sinners above all the *Galileans*, becauſe they ſuffered ſuch Things? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh. Or thoſe eighteen, upon whom the Tower in *Siloam* fell, and ſlew them, think ye that they were Sinners above all Men that dwelt in *Jeruſalem*? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.

The publishing of the following Letter, from a Merchant in Lisbon, *to his Friend in* England, *which gives an Account of some Particulars, not before publish'd here, of the late terrible* EARTHQUAKE *in* Portugal, *we imagine can need no Apology.*

DEAR SIR,

I Presume to imagine it will not a little gratify your Curiosity to receive, from an Eye-Witness thereof, some Account of the late dreadful EARTHQUAKE, which laid the Capital of *Portugal* in Ruins; and of the FIRE which thereupon broke out in several Parts of them at once, and (assisted by some wicked Incendiaries for the Sake of Plunder) burning furiously for five successive Days, reduced that whole Metropolis to Ashes; rendering it such a Spectacle of Terror and Amazement, as well as of Desolation to Beholders, as perhaps has not been equalled from the Foundation of the World! Of these, my Friend, I shall endeavour to give you a true Description: Relying on the Veracity of my Narrative to atone for all Imperfections of Stile and Method: Particulars, that a Mind and Heart agitated as mine have been, must be supposed little capable of attending to, and therefore I only pretend to give you a simple Account of Things just as they happened, without any other Circumstance to recommend it to your serious Perusal, than the Importance of the Subject, and the Veracity of the Relation.

It may, perhaps, be necessary previously to inform you, that the City of *Lisbon*, which was situated on the Northern Shore of the River *Tagus*, about six Leagues from the Sea, stood upon very uneven Ground, and also that its Streets and Buildings in general, were extremely irregular. A Valley between two high Hills, all covered thick with Edifices; is the general Description of the Place. The Valley which runs North and South, was undoubtedly the Seat of the ancient City: On the Side next the River of which stood the King's Palace, with a large open Square to the Eastward of it, separated by some low Buildings, a small Fort and a Wall, from the principal Key of the City, and a much frequented sandy Beach: On the other Side of the Valley was another extensive Square called *Rocio*, in which there was held a daily Market, and a weekly Fair: And there was the Inquisition situated, the Church and Convent of St. *Dominick*, the Hospital, and other public as well as private Buildings. The principal Streets of the City were between these two Squares, and the Middle of them might be reckoned the Centre of it. On the Summit of the Hill to the Eastern Side, was situated the Castle of St. *George*, or *Lisbon*, with a spacious Platform before it, surrounded by a parapet Wall which was planted thick with Cannon. And the whole Hill except Part of the Western Side of it was covered thick with Buildings, the Streets and Lanes of which, were most remarkably narrow. On the Hill to the Westward were many stately Buildings, particularly the Palace of *Braganza*, and in this Part of the Town the Streets were in general wider, the Buildings better, and the Prospects pleasanter than in either of the others. There were scattered about the various Parts of the City, many spacious Convents and princely Palaces of the Nobility: And of Churches and Chapels an innumerable Quantity, not extremely beautiful in their Architecture, but immensely rich in interior Ornaments. I shall not enlarge on the other public or private Parts of that City which is now no more; having, I hope, given you an Idea of its Situation sufficient for my present Purpose. The Number of Souls it contained, I have heard rationally computed at about Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand.

It may be proper, likewise, here to inform you, that various have been the Opinions of People concerning the Time of Duration of the two violent Shocks of the Earthquake, and the Interval that was between them; which I, and many others, have estimated at a Quarter of an Hour, measuring it in our Imaginations by what we employed ourselves about from the Beginning to the Ending of that tremendous Visitation; during the Operations of which, as it pleased God to preserve my Mind in intire Composure, and its full Firmness, I shall inform you of what past with me, and that perhaps will give you a tolerable Idea of the EARTHQUAKE and at the same time enable you to judge of the Time of its Duration.

I lived in a House not far from the Centre of the City, at a small Eminence on the foot of the Hill, towards the Eastern Side of it. Our House was four Stories high, reckoning the ground Story for one, the two uppermost of which, as is usual in that City, served for the Accommodation of our Family, the lower ones being allotted for the uses of Business, Stabling, &c. In the third Story was my Bed-chamber, and one of the two outermost next the Street of seven Rooms that were upon that Floor. There was I sitting on the first Day of the present Month, about ten of the Clock in the Morning, (the Weather being serene, and the Sky without a Cloud in it,) when I felt the House begin gently to shake; which gradually increased with a rushing Noise, like the Sound of heavy Carriages, driving hard at some Distance, and such I at first imagined the Cause of the Noise and Shaking I heard and felt. But both of them gradually increasing, and observing the Pictures in my Room to flap against the Walls, I started up, and immediately perceived it was an EARTHQUAKE; and having never been sensible of the Shaking of one before, I stood a good while very composedly remarking its Operations; till from waving and shaking, I thought the Room began to roul, which made me run towards an inward one; more to the Centre of the House; but the Motion was then so extremely violent, that I with Difficulty kept upon my Feet. Every part of the House cracked about me, the Tiles rattled on the Top of it; the Walls rent on every side; the Doors of a pretty large Book-case that stood in my Room, and which were locked, burst open, and the Books fell from the Shelves within it, but not till after I was got into the Room adjoining; and I heard, with Terror, the falling of Houses round about, and the Screams and Cries of People from every Quarter. At length, all beginning to settle into Stillness again, I went into three or four Rooms of the Floor I was upon, to look for Servants, but finding none, concluded, with good reason, they had all left the House. So returning to my Room, I determined to change my Cloaths (for I was in a Night-Gown, Cap, and Slippers,) and go out also. I had dress my Legs, and was putting on my Coat and Waistcoat, (having first put up my Books in their Case and locked the Doors of it) when I felt the second Shock begin: So I snatched up my Hat, and taking my Wig from a Sconce, ran down one pair of Stairs and half way another, when I stopt short, on hearing Tiles and large Stones falling from the Top of our own House and another into a small Yard I must pass through. This made me reflect, that by flying from one falling House, I ran the risk of being buried under the Ruins of many others in the narrow Streets I must be obliged to pass before I could get to any Place of greater Safety, so I determined to remain where I was, which was on a winding Stone Staircase, each Step of which was an entire Stone, of about the length of a Yard and an half; and this place I chose preferable to any other on the Consideration, that if the House fell, the Stones over my Head would put an immediate end to my Life, and prevent the more miserable Fate of being buried alive under Ruins. Here while I remained, the Steps I stood upon as well as those over my Head, lifted to a most shocking Degree, and I expected every Moment to be crushed to Death. Here, while I continued, I heard, from some part of the Yard below me, a mournful Voice groaning, and calling out for Help, with considerable intervening Pauses, at least for a dozen Times before the shaking of the House, and the falling of Stones would permit my endeavour to offer any Assistance. Which when I found an Opportunity for doing, I did, and discovered the Person in Distress was our own House-keeper, who in the first Shock, had endeavoured to run out of our House, with a Man Servant, but were met at the Street door by the Wall of a House falling from the opposite side of the Way, which wounded them both, but particularly the poor Woman, and half buried them in its Rubbish.

Now putting all these Particulars of Observation and Employment together, I leave you to judge if they could be well comprised within less Time than a quarter of an Hour: And, indeed, from comparing my Calculation with those of some others, I find my Opinion confirmed concerning the Time the two Shocks of the Earthquake and the Interval betwixt them lasted. There has also been another Dispute here about the exact Time in which the first Tremor began. Some thinking it was before, others after ten of the Clock; but the greatest Number pronounce the Clock had not struck. And in Confirmation of their Opinion, I have seen a Letter from *Cadiz*, that mentioned the Shock's being felt there at fifty-seven Minutes after Nine: And as it was much less considerable there, it may, I think, be reasonably concluded to have happened something earlier at *Lisbon*.

[*The Remainder to be in our next.*]

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 7.

We have the Pleasure to acquaint the Public, that a great Number of the principal Gentlemen of this Colony have voluntarily associated themselves under the Command of the Honourable Peyton Randolph, Esq; at their own Expence, to march to the Frontiers of this Colony, for relieving their distressed Fellow Subjects, and chastising the Insolence, and revenging the Cruelties of the French, and their barbarous Allies; and for these Purposes have agreed to meet at Fredericksburg, the 20th of this Instant, with such a Number of Men as each of them has undertaken to employ and maintain in this Service, dressed in short plain blue Frocks with cross Pockets, short white Nankeen, or brown Holland Waistcoats, and Breeches of the same, and plain Hats; armed each with a Firelock, a Brace of Pistols, and a cutting Sword, and furnished with one Pound of Powder, and four Pounds of Ball; each Associator who goes paying immediately to the commanding Officer three Pounds, and the same Sum for every Man he carries with him, and those who do not go, ten Pounds for every Man they send.

This Association began on Saturday last, and a great Number of young Gentlemen in and about Williamsburg, have already engaged themselves, in this Service, and as it is not doubted the same public Spirit will prevail thro' the whole Country, it is expected the Appearance of the Associators at Fredericksburg will be very numerous.

Every Gentleman in this Colony has now an Opportunity of manifesting his Zeal for the Good of his Country, by entering into, or contributing according to his Abilities towards this laudable Undertaking: And whoever but seriously reflects on the unhappy Situation of our Countrymen on the Frontiers, will need no other Inducement to exert himself to the utmost on this Occasion.

Nunc tali auxilio, nunc defensoribus illis
Tempus eget.——————VIRG.

Last Saturday his Honour the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty Five Thousand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for appointing a Treasurer.

An Act to revive and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine.

An Act for disarming Papists, and reputed Papists, refusing to take the Oaths to the Government.

An Act for appointing Trustees to lease out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Nottoway Indians to sell certain Lands, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for adding certain Lands therein mentioned to the City of Williamsburg.

On Wednesday the General Assembly having gone thro' the public Business, His Honour the Governor likewise gave his Assent to the following Acts.

An Act for amending the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act passed this present Session of Assembly, intituled, An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty Five Thousand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. (*By this Act the further Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds is raised for the Support and Pay of the Militia ordered out to the Frontiers.*)

An Act for granting Protection to certain Persons, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at Bolling's Point Warehouse, in the County of Dinwiddie, and for the Relief of the Proprietors of Tobacco burnt in Coan and Deep-Creek Warehouses. (*The Sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds is raised for these Purposes.*)

An Act for appointing a public Ferry, and for discontinuing a former one.

An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages for this present Session of Assembly:

And then made the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I THANK you for the several Votes of Supply granted this Session, for Protection of our Frontiers, and defeating the mischievous unjust Invasions, Robberies, and Murders, of the cruel Enemy, and I hope it will have the desired Effect.

Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I cannot help expressing my Resentment at the great Indignity offered the Supream Court of this Colony by sending your Mace-Bearer within the Bar, and taking away such of the Ministers of that Court, as were Members of your House, and thereby obstructing, in some Measure, the Course of Justice, which is an unprecedented Step; you must all be sensible that the Prosperity and Reputation of a Country, depends as much upon a due and orderly Administration of Justice, as upon the Power of enacting Laws; these, however wisely formed, will be always ineffectual and useless, unless properly carried into Execution.

Gentlemen, I recommend to you when you go to your respective Counties, to use your Influence in having the Militia properly collected together, exercised, and ready on a Call, for the Protection of our Country in these perilous Times.

I wish you an agreeable Recess, and I think proper to prorogue you to the second Thursday in October, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

Yesterday Morning died at his House in Gloucester County, the Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council of this Colony.

This Week the Honourable Peter Randolph and William Byrd, Esquires, Commissioners to treat with the Catawba and Cherokee Indian Nations, and the other Gentlemen who went out with them, returned in good Health to this City, by the Way of Charles-Town; which Place they left about three Weeks ago, and inform us that Governor Glen, with an independent Company of 60 Men and 50 Provincials, with an Engineer, and all Materials for building a Fort, Provisions, &c. were set off for the Cherokee Country.

By an Express this Week from Winchester, we are informed, that the Communication between that Place and Fort Cumberland is now open, a Messenger having lately arrived, acquainting that the Garrison was well, and under no Apprehensions of any Attack.

An Express which left Winchester last Tuesday, came to Town this Evening, and brings Advice, That Col. Washington was just setting off for Fort Cumberland, two Hundred of the Fairfax Militia being arrived at Winchester. He met on his Way down, 100 of the Militia from Prince William, 200 from Caroline, under the Command of Col. Baylor, and above 200 from Spotsylvania, under the Command of Col. Spotswood, all on their March for Winchester.

ANNAPOLIS, *May* 10.

By his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of* MARYLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS our Almighty CREATOR, in Order to awaken in us his sinful Creatures, a due Sense of our Relation to and Dependence upon him, does often, from his tender Mercy towards us, give Warning of his Displeasure at our manifold Sins and Wickedness, that by a true Repentance, and Reformation of our Manners, and a close and strict Obedience to his Laws, and Observance of his Holy Will for the future, we may avoid that Vengeance, and disarm that Justice, too strictly due to the Number and Weight of our Offences: AND whereas several Parts of the Earth, have of late grievously felt the Weight of his Almighty Arm in the Devastation of their Cities, the Destruction of their People, and other inexpressible Calamities, to the almost total Ruin of some powerful States and Kingdoms: AND whereas we of this Part of the Globe, and particularly in this Province, have not been without some late Warnings of his Almighty Displeasure by Earthquakes, and are now in Danger of losing both our Religion and Liberties, by the Attacks of a perfidious, merciless and savage Enemy: All which ought to excite in us a sincere Desire and hearty Endeavour to reform our Lives, and by a strict Conformity to our Duty towards him, regain his Favour, that he may amove from us those Evils which at this Time so manifestly threaten us.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to appoint *Wednesday* the 16th Day of *June* next, to be set apart, and observed throughout this Province, as a Day for a General and Public Fast, Humiliation and Prayer to the Divine Majesty, to avert those Judgments we, from our Offences against him, have most justly deserved, to continue his Mercies, to perpetuate the Enjoyment of our Religion and Liberties amongst us, to secure the Happiness and Prosperity of our most Gracious Sovereign, our Mother Country, and all her Colonies, and to implore the Almighty Protection and Blessing upon the Fleets and Armies employed in her and our Service; and I do hereby recommend it to the several Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, to compose Prayers and Sermons adapted to the Occasion, to be used on that Day, in their respective Churches, and that they publish this my Proclamation in their several Congregations, in the Time of Divine Service, on the Sunday next preceding that Day: And I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province, to make this my Proclamation public, in their respective Counties, in the usual Manner, as they will answer to the contrary at their Peril.

Given at the City of Annapolis, *this Twelfth Day of* May, *in the Fifth Year of his Lordship's Dominion*, Annoque Domini 1756.

HOR°. SHARPE.

J. ROSS, *Cl. Con.*

On Tuesday last died, at his Plantation near the Head of *South* River, after a few Days nervous Disorder, aged upwards of 50 Years, Major HENRY HALL, a Gentleman who was formerly, and for many Years, one of our worthy Magistrates; and since, was chosen at many Elections, to Represent his County, in which Station he acted with that Justice, Moderation, and Integrity, that all his County Lov'd him Living, and Lament his Death. He has left a numerous Family to regret the Loss of a good and honest Man.

Last Week died in *Frederick* County, Mr. *Richard Burdat*, who was many Years an Inhabitant of this Town, and Clerk of the Provincial Court, but had resign'd that Place about a Year since, and retir'd, being in a bad State of Health.

Wednesday last Week, there happen'd a strong Gust of Wind, in *Baltimore* County, which, at a Plantation about ten Miles distant from *Baltimore-Town*, blow'd down a Barn, wherein were two Men, one of which was immediately crush'd to Death; and the other, whose name was *Valterius Duchart*, was so broke and bruised, that he died in 4 Hours.

TO BE SOLD,

PART of a Tract of Land, called *Valentine's Garden Enlarged*, being a Part of a Tract that Mr. *Henry Wright Crabb* now lives on, containing 500 Acres, more or less.

For Title and Terms apply to

JEREMIAH CRABB.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr. *Edward Beatty*, late of *Frederick* County, deceased, are desired to come and pay off their respective Accounts; otherwise they may expect to be sued for them. And all those who have any just Demands on the said Estate shall be paid on bringing in their Accounts to

THOMAS BEATTY, junior, Executor.

FOUND, lying near a Barn Door, (where a Number of Gentlemen had been standing) on the other Side of *South-River*, a *Spanish* PISTOLE.

Whoever dropp'd it, may know where to find it, only paying the Charge of this Advertisement, by enquiring of the Printer.

LOST, on the 26th of *September* last, from the Ship *Fame*, *Ambrose Judd*, Commander, near the *Tangier* Islands, in between five and six Fathom Water, an Anchor weighing about 12 Ct. with a good Buoy Rope and large Can-Buoy.

Whoever has taken up the said Anchor, and will deliver it to Mr. *Charles Grahame*, at *Lower-Marlborough*, shall be paid, by him, the usual Salvage, and reasonable Charges.

A LETTER from *Salisbury* in *England*, directed [*To Mr. George Carter a Baker at Annapolis in Maryland North America*] which gives him an Account of something to his Advantage, is left with the Printer of this Paper. If there be any such Person living, he is desired to apply. It comes from his Sister *Barbara Carter*.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Widow *Townly*'s Plantation, in the Night, between the 4th and 5th of *April*, a Black Horse, 14 Hands high, he is 9 Years old this Spring, paces slow, and is very apt to break into a Gallop, his Brand is something like I L (with a Stroke across the I) on his left Shoulder and Buttock, has a Star in his Forehead and a Bob Tail. Whoever takes up the said Horse, and brings him to *Henry Darnall*, Esq; near *Upper-Marlborough*, Mr. *James Marshall*, at *Piscataway*, Mr. *William Gammell*, at *Port-Tobacco*, or the Subscriber, at *New-Port*, shall have a handsome Reward, and all Expences, paid by

ALEXANDER LOTHIAN.

TAKEN up on the Bay Side, opposite to the Subscriber's House, a small Clinch'd Boat, 12 Feet Keel, and 5 wide; she has a Piece of Rope in her Head, and another in her Stern; some of her Timbers are Ash, and the rest Oak; she has had a Coat of Tar and Paint: In her there are two Thaughts, in one of which there has been a Mast fix'd. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges, by applying to

WILLIAM PRICE,
on *Kent-Island*.

THERE is at the Plantation of *James Taylor*, in *Frederick* County, near *Rock-Creek*, taken up as a Stray, a dark Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock with S, has some Saddle Spots, and a white Spot on her Nose.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *John Watson*, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, a Strawberry Roan Horse, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock with an S and a Cross on the Top of it, and is shod all round; he had on a Bell mark'd S B.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE are at the Plantation of *Owen Williams*, living at the Fork of the Falls of *Patapsco*, near the *Burnt House Woods*, taken up as Strays, two bright bay Mares; the one branded on the near Buttock thus S : h : The other has no perceivable Brand

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD, at public Vendue, on the 7th of June *next, by the Subscriber, at the Booths in Mr.* Thomas Harris's *Old-Field, near the* Swamp *Bridge, for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Cash,*

A CHOICE Parcel of young Country-born SLAVES, consisting of one Man who understands Plowing and Carting, three Women, one of which perfectly understands all Sort of House Work, and two Girls, and a Boy.

The Sale to begin between the Hours of Four and Five, in the Afternoon.

BENJAMIN LANE.

PHILEMON YOUNG,

At the Sign of the Crown, in Lower-Marlborough,

KEEPS TAVERN, where all Gentlemen may depend on good Accommodations, &c.

N. B. He keeps Ferry, and Horses to Let.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the WILSON, *Capt.* COOLIDGE, *and the* FISHBOURNE, *Capt.* TIPPLE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Stores at* UPPER-MARLBOROUGH *and* PIG-POINT, *at the most reasonable Rates, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or Tobacco,*

MUSKETS and BAYONETS, Fowling Pieces, Pistols, Hangers, Bullet Moulds, Gun Locks, Gunpowder, Pistol Bullets, Bar Lead, all Sorts of Shot, and fine *French* Flints; strip'd Blanketting, Duffels, scarlet, red, blue, buff, black and cloth colour'd Broad-Cloths in Patterns and Pieces, Drab Cloths for Great Coats, Forest Cloths, scarlet, blue, grey, buff, black and cloth colour'd *German* Serges, Half-Thicks of all Colours, Bearskins, Fearnoughts, Druggets, white, strip'd, and emboss'd Flannels and Serges, striped Swanskin, *Welch* Cottons, Fearnought and Flannel Jackets, scarlet and cloth colour'd Cloaks, Shalloons, Knee Garters, and Trimmings of all Sorts, *Manchester* and *Genoa* Velvets, scarlet, buff, black and cloth colour'd Hair-Shag, black Serge *de Nijme*, scarlet, black and buff Everlasting, scarlet, buff and black cordid Amen, superfine and middling Sagathies, fine Durance, superfine rich figur'd Cherrine and Narrameen for Mens Summer Wear, black, buff, cloth colour'd and rich flower'd cordid Paduasoy, and white Silk Serges for Linings for Waistcoats, black, white, blue, red, green and yellow Tammies, Barley Corn and Bird's Eye check'd Stuffs, *Venetian* Poplins, fine Tobind and check'd Ditto, fine Tobind *Irish* Stuffs, single Allopeens, Calimancoes and fine Camblets, *English* and *India* Silk Damasks, white, black and cloth colour'd *China* Taffeties, fine brocaded and striped Ditto, plain and strip'd *India* Persians and Ginghams, fine *India* Chints great Variety, fine, middling and coarse *English* printed Callicoes and Cottons, Cambricks, and fine Lawns, white Callicoes, Muslins and Humhums, *Russia* Drabs, Napkinning, *Russia* Sheeting, Table Cloths, Silesias, fine and coarse Cotton Romals, new Silk Romals and Bandanoes, Osnabrigs and brown Rolls, fine *Irish* Twillings for Summer Waistcoats, a large Quantity of coarse *Irish* Linen for Soldiers Shirts, fine and middling Ditto, ⅞ and Ell-wide Sheeting, all Sorts of Check Linen, fine and middling Cotton Hollands, dyed Fustians, and fine Jeans, Nankeens, Bed-Ticks and Bunts, Blankets, Rugs, and Flock-Beds, *Weston's* and *Arnold's* Snuff, Corks, Pipes, Earthen and Glass Ware, great Variety of China, Wooll, Cotton, and Tow Cards, Nails, Brads, Sprigs, and other Iron Ware, Stationary, Horse-Hair and Silk Cockades, and Variety of Haberdashery and Millinery, Tin Ovens and Kettles, Watering Pots, and other Tin Ware, Pewter, and Brasiery, Coopers and Joiners Tools, Glue, Hats, Shoes and Stockings of all Sorts, fine *Florence* Oil, Saddlery of all Sorts, Twine and Pack-Thread, Turnery, Bohea and Green Tea, single and double-refined Sugar, Pepper, Blue, Indico, Nuts, Salt-Petre, Raisins, Currans, and other Grocery, Mens, Womens and Childrens Gloves, a large Assortment of Cutlery, Jesuits Bark, Rhubarb, *British* Oil, *Lockyer's* Pills, Liquorish, *Bateman's* Drops, *Daffy's* Elixir, *Turlington's* and *Fryar's* Balsam, *Hungary* Water, *Stoughton's* Bitters, *Spanish* Lavender and Hartshorn, and other Medicines; also a Quantity of *James's* Powders, *Barbados* Rum, Cane Spirit, *Muscovado* Sugar, Melasses, Cheese, Cotton-Wooll, &c. &c.

STEPHEN WEST.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne-Arundel* County, That the Tenth of *June* being the Time affix'd by Law for paying the Public, Clergy, and Officers Fees, draws very near, and as very few have yet paid, I give this public Notice, to all those who do not comply, that I must and will (however disagreeable to me) collect agreeable to Law, which I hope every Gentleman will prevent, as it must surely be in every one's Power to bring his Transfer Tobacco as soon to the Inspecting-House, as his Crop. Constant Attendance will be given every Wednesday and Thursday, at my Office, in *Annapolis*, to settle with all Gentlemen who are indebted for Sheriff's Accounts.

And as very little Notice has been taken of my former Advertisements, for Payment of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, I give this public Notice to all who do not come and make Payment, that I will collect the Quit-Rents at their Expence, without Loss of Time, which I should be glad if every one would prevent, in doing which they would very much oblige,

Their most humble Servant,

JOHN RAITT, Sheriff
of *Anne-Arundel* County.

IMPORTED, and to be SOLD, by the Subscriber,

THE SPECTATOR, in 8 Volumes 12mo. a beautiful Edition, in 1753, with the Mottos translated into *English*, and Copper-Plate Frontispieces to each, designed by *Hayman* and engraved by *Grignion*; neatly stitched up, so that the Purchasers may have them bound afterwards to please their Fancy.

The Subscriber offers his Service to all Gentlemen, Merchants and Others, to transact any Manner of Business in the Book-way; such as taking of Catalogues for private Use, ranging Gentlemens Studies methodically, after the most regular and approved Methods, their Libraries consisting either of *English* or Foreign Books.

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Their humble Servant,
WILLIAM MEYER.

*** *French* and *Dutch* translated into *English*, or *English* into *French* or *Dutch*, either in the literary or mercantile Way.

N. B. A very curious HERBAL, delineated and illuminated after Nature, is nigh finished, and will be disposed of some Time hence, when compleated. Specimens, or Part of it, may be seen at Mr. *Adams*'s, Block-maker, in *Annapolis*; where any Gentleman applying or directing, shall either be waited on, or answered, as to Particulars.

THERE is at the Plantation of Capt. *Joseph Belt*, near *Upper-Marlborough*, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Horse, about 12 Hands high, hath a Star and some Saddle Spots, branded on the near Buttock with S, and a Spot on the Shoulder, and is supposed to be nine or ten Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Thomas Bennett*, at *Elk-Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a small black Mare, branded on the off Buttock with something like a Flesh-fork, has two Saddle Spots on the off Side of her Back, a Star in her Forehead, a hanging Mane, and a sprig Tail.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE are in the Possession of *Isaiah Phelps*, at the Head of *South-River*, taken up as Strays, the two following Creatures, *viz.*

A small Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock with R, about 10 or 12 Years old, has a bushy Tail, and a large Star in her Forehead. And,

A small Iron-grey Mare, about 3 or 4 Years old, neither broke, branded nor dock'd. Some think the Latter is the Foal of the Former.

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *George Ross*, in *Charles* County, near *Benedict*, taken up as a Stray, a bright Bay Gelding, about 14 Hands high, and is supposed to be about 14 Years old, is short dock'd, but has no Appearance of any Brand or Flesh Mark.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE are at the Plantation of *William Brashear*, on *Bennett*'s Creek, in *Frederick* County, taken up as Strays, two black Mares, one of them is branded on the near Shoulder I H, and on the off Shoulder with a Blotch; the other is neither dock'd nor branded.

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *John Welch*, on *Bennett*'s Creek, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a black Mare, about four Years old, has a mealy Nose, and is branded on the near Thigh with C.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Mr. *Pollard Edmondson*, in *Talbot* County, taken up as a Stray, a young Bay Mare, with some white in her Face, neither broke, dock'd nor branded.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

May 3, 1756.

TWELVE PISTOLES REWARD.

RAN away from the *Baltimore* Iron-Works last Night, the Three following Convict Servant Men, belonging to *Charles Carroll*, Esq; and Company, *viz.*

Thomas Woodcock, an *Englishman*, and snuffles in his Speech, a thin looking Fellow, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and has short Hair: Had on an old Felt Hat, an Osnabrigs Shirt, Cotton Jacket and Breeches, and a Pair of Osnabrigs Drawers with Pewter Buttons; a Pair of Osnabrigs Trowsers, and Country Shoes and Stockings; he may be about 30 Years old.

John Ward, a West Country Man, and speaks much in that Dialect, a fresh colour'd squat Fellow, and has a lubberly Walk, is pitted with the Small Pox, is about 27 Years old, wears his own Hair, which is of a brown Colour, has an old Felt Hat, two Osnabrigs Shirts, one strip'd Flannel and an old blue Fearnought Jacket, a Pair of white Country Cloth Breeches, a Pair of old Trowsers, and Country Shoes and Stockings.

Francis Watkinson, a West Countryman, a fresh colour'd, squat, well-set Fellow, has a down Look, has a Female way of Speaking, has lost a Piece of his left Ear, is about 27 Years old, wears his own brown Hair, has an old Felt Hat, two Osnabrigs Shirts, and a coarse white Shirt, a twill'd Linen Frock trimmed with flat white Buttons, a Pair of *English* Leather Breeches very old and greasey, a Pair of Trowsers, and Country Shoes and Stockings.

Whoever secures the said Servants in any Goal, so that they may be had again, shall have Twelve Pistoles Reward; or Four Pistoles for either of them, and reasonable Charges if brought Home.

RICHARD CROXALL.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GREYHOUND, *Capt.* STEWART, *and to be SOLD on board the said SHIP, by the Subscriber,*

LEMONS, Cheese, *London* Porter and Ale, in Bottles and Casks, Stone-Ware of all Sorts, white Agate and Tortoise, *London* made Guns with Bayonets, Pistols, Hats, Medicines, Pickles of all Sorts, in Boxes and in separate Bottles, best *Durham* Mustard, Seals, Breast and Shirt Buttons set in Silver, Breast Buckles set with Stones, fine Necklaces, Ear-Rings, *&c. &c.*

JAMES HOUSTON.

N. B. He gives ready Money for Rattle-Snake-Root.

NATHANIEL WATERS,
HAT-MAKER,
From PHILADELPHIA,

AT the Sign of the *Hat-in-Hand*, near the Church in *Annapolis*, makes and sells all Sorts of HATS, either fine or coarse, as good and at as cheap Rates as to be had any where. He likewise repairs old Hats.

N. B. He buys all Kind of *Furs*, and gives as good a Price for them, as can be had in Town.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Talbot* County, on the third of *April* past, an indented Servant Man, named *Nathaniel Carter*, a Ship Carpenter by Trade, but may pretend to some other Business, he is a tall slim Fellow, of a thin Visage, and has a little halt in his Walk: Had on when he went away, a green Frize Jacket, a Pair of speckled Sailor's Trowsers, worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Country Shoes.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have Five Pounds Reward; or, if secured in any Goal, so that his Master may have him again, Three Pounds Reward, paid by

JOHN BOZMAN.

TO COVER MARES of any SIZE, this SEASON, at the Plantation of JOHN NABB, *near* Queen-Anne's *County Free School,*

A JACK ASS, known by the Name of TICKLE PITCHER. As he came of a very plain, laborious Family, there can be little said of his Beauty or Pedigree; however, as the constant Labour, long Life, and cheap keeping of MULES, is well known far to exceed the very best of HORSES, its to be supposed most People in the Plantation Way, will find it their Interest to employ him; and as the Poor as well as Rich may have it easily in their Power so to do, *Tickle Pitcher* will perform this Season, on the following moderate Terms: A Dollar to be paid down when each MARE is first covered, and two Dollars more, when each MULE is dropped alive; or, two Dollars certain, paid down, for the Chance of the Season.

N. B. Good Care will be taken of the MARES, and as it is supposed he will have more Custom than he can sufficiently attend himself, there is an Assistant to be had, if Hurry of Business require it.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of choice Land, lying on *Rock-Creek*, in *Frederick* County, called *Thompson's Adventure*, containing 50 Acres, and is adjoining to *John Baldwin Adamson's*.

Any Person inclining to purchase, may enquire of *John Thompson* in *Annapolis*, and know further.

To be SOLD for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Money,

A TRACT of Land containing 190 Acres, lying on the *South* Side of *Magothy* River, situated very pleasant and convenient for Fishing and Fowling, and within 5 Miles of *Annapolis*, whereon is a good Dwelling-House, Kitchen, Meat-House, a Negro Quarter, two Corn-Houses, a Garden, well-paled in, and two Orchards.

Also a young Negro Wench, a Negro Girl, and a Negro Boy.

For Terms apply to the Printer hereof.

TO BE SOLD,

For Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, *viz.*

Rover's Content,	466	Acres.
Part of *The Inclosure*,	89	
Part of *Goodluck*,	445	
Fife, - - -	78	
Beall's Chance,	290	
Father's Gift,	183	
Bread and Cheese Hall,	91	

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of choice well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in *Prince George's* County, within five Miles of *Bladensburg*, ten of *Upper-Marlborough*, and six of the *Eastern Branch* Ferry.

Coupper,	113	Acres.
Part of *Layhill*,	649	
Beall's Reserve,	380	
Drumeldry,	225	

The Four last mentioned lie in *Beall's Neck*, in *Frederick* County, not above twelve Miles from *Bladensburg*, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Also 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called *Allison's Park*, lying likewise in *Frederick* County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of *Captain John's Branch*.

Any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first mentioned seven Tracts, lying in *Prince George's* County, may have the Quantity desired, provided it be taken so as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in *Frederick* County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, or to *Josias Beall*, junior, living on *Ackokick*, near *Piscataway*, in *Prince-George's* County.

JOHN BEALL, junior.

N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.

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